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69. The method of claim 65 comprising the step of sorting the documents into one or more output bins.
70. The method of claim 65 comprising the step of supporting the documents to prevent the documents from buckling while the documents are engaged in the nip.

**REMARKS**

In an Official Action dated September 10, 2001, the Examiner imposed a four-way restriction requirement. Applicants select Group I, drawn to methods and apparatus for opening envelopes and extracting contents from the envelopes, and which includes claims 1-3, 14-19, 33-40 and newly submitted claims 49-70.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant believes that this application is in form for examination.

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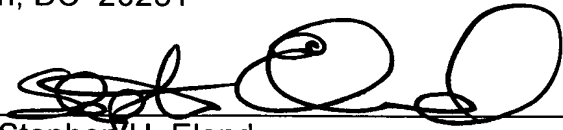


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